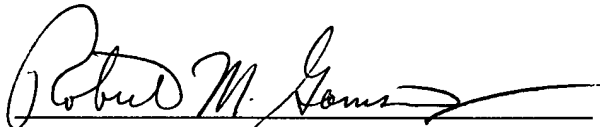


The Examiner notes that Claim 1 is common to all three (3) groups. Upon allowance of Claim 1, the applicant reserves the right to include additional claims on the non-elected groups.

The Examiner further requested an election and restriction between Species IA, FIGS. 11-14 and Species IB, FIGS. 16-19. Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute Species IA.

Respectfully submitted,

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